

# Appointment of Representative and Authorization to Release Health Information



I designate \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name of representative                      Mailing address                      Relationship

to act as my representative for purposes of requesting a coverage appeal, payment of a claim, or submission of a complaint on my behalf.

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| My Name: _____        |                      |  |
| Mailing Address _____ |                      |  |
| Phone number _____    | Date of Birth: _____ | GHC I.D. # _____<br><small>(if applicable)</small> |
| Signature _____       | Print Name _____     | Date _____   |

## Authorization to Release Health Information for Appeals, Claims, or Complaints

Genetic information is not requested by, used or disclosed by Group Health for underwriting purposes.

- I authorize Group Health to disclose to the representative designated above, information relevant to my complaint, claim, or appeal including, but not limited to, medical records and coverage information.
- I understand I do not have to sign this authorization to get health care benefits (treatment, payment, enrollment, or eligibility for benefits) except if I receive health care when the sole purpose of the health care is to create health information for a third party.
- I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time by sending a written statement to the mailing address at the bottom of this form. I further understand that if I revoke my authorization, it will not affect any actions already taken by Group Health based on this authorization; and I may not be able to revoke this authorization if the purpose of it was to obtain insurance.
- I understand that once Group Health has disclosed health information, the recipient may re-disclose it in some situations. Privacy laws may no longer protect the information.
- This authorization expires \_\_\_\_\_ (date or event).  
 Authorization will expire in 12 months if not specified.

Specific authorization is required to release information pertaining to the health care information listed below. By initialing and describing the information to release, I authorize release of the information pertinent to my appeal, claim or complaint relating to testing, diagnosis or treatment for:

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| _____ Chemical Dependency _____<br><small>Initials                      Describe/Date Range</small> | _____ Mental Health _____<br><small>Initials                      Describe/Date Range</small>                   |
| _____ HIV/STD/AIDS _____<br><small>Initials                      Describe/Date Range</small>        | _____ Reproductive Care (minors only) _____<br><small>Initials                      Describe/Date Range</small> |

**MINORS** – A minor patient's signature is required in order to release the following information (1) conditions relating to the minor's reproductive care including, but not limited to, contraception, pregnancy and pregnancy termination, and sexually transmitted diseases (age 14 and older), (2) alcohol and/or drug abuse (age 13 and older), and (3) mental health conditions (age 13 and older).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature    Date    Relationship

Check if patient is a minor

Keep a copy for your records and submit the original to: Group Health Appeals, P.O. Box 34593, Seattle, WA 98124-1593.  
 Please contact Member Appeals at 1-866-458-5479 if you need a copy of this form.